

PROSPECTUS

“WASHINGTON SENTINEL.”

I PROPOSE to publish in the city of Washington, in September, a political newspaper, under the name of the WASHINGTON SENTINEL.

In doing so, it is proper I should make known the principles it will maintain, and the policy it will advocate.

It will support cordially and earnestly the principles of the Democratic party of the United States; it does not propose to be the organ of any Department of the Government, except in so far as an independent maintenance of the doctrines of that party may represent its opinions and express its views.

It will not be ambitious to commend itself to the people by a blind flattery of their rulers. It will seek public support by the bold avowal of the sentiments which are common to the genuine Democracy of the Union, and by the condemnation of all such as may conflict with them, from whatever quarter they may come; and it will endeavor to do so in a manner that will not be deemed unwelcome to the organs of the Democratic party of the United States.

The SENTINEL will maintain, as a fundamental truth of that great party, that the States form the Union between them by the ratification of the Constitution as a compact; by which, also, they created the Federal Government, and delegated to it, as their common agent, the powers specified in it, with an explicit reservation of all others to the States, or to their separate governments.

The exercise of any powers beyond these delegated powers, is therefore, being an assumed power of the States by the agent of their own creation.

The SENTINEL will uphold and defend the Union upon the basis of the rights of the States under the Constitution—and thus by sedulously guarding the latter, it will more effectively strengthen and perpetuate the former.

With regard to the exercise of the powers of the Federal Government, the SENTINEL will take as its principles of its action, that Congress shall exercise no power which has not been delegated by the States, according to a strict and fair interpretation of all its language and spirit; and that it shall seek to attain indirectly an object through the exercise of constitutional power, for the direct exercise of a power not delegated to it.

In other words, all powers exercised must be clearly granted, and all granted powers must be used for no purpose, except such as is clearly intended by the Constitution.

In respect to the internal administration of the Government, the SENTINEL will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party. It will labor to inculcate the cardinal doctrine of Democratic internal policy—that the Government will best promote the freedom and prosperity of the States, by being less ambitious to exercise power, and more anxious to preserve liberty; and by leaving to the individual States the management of all their internal concerns.

The United States Patent Office.—To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

It is to certify that the enclosed is a true copy from the files of this office of an extract from a paper filed in the matter of the application of W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, passed August 22d, 1854, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

In testimony whereof, I, Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused the seal of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed, and the extracts to be signed by me, and the same to be attested by the Clerk of said Office.

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PROSPECTUS.—When new aspirants for popular favor are announced, the public have a right to demand the grounds upon which such show of title to their patronage is made.

In the case of the Southern Conservative, we are in all respects, in the opinion of the public, in a position to make a fair and candid statement of our aims and purposes. The customs thus originating, though somewhat obscure, are useful and proper, and should not be discarded. And when in obedience to custom, new plans are proposed, those approving ought not to withhold their encouragement, but to give their aid, and to see that the public are not misled.

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The magazine will be national and not sectional; claiming no merit by virtue of its establishment in the South, but aiming at a higher utility, to elevate and improve the popular mind.

It will be Protestant, but not sectarian; opposing religious bigotry or intolerance on the one side, and unduly on the other—laboring in its teaching to advance a closer union between the several branches of the great family of the church.

It will be political, but liberal; owing no slavish allegiance to parties or politicians, it will advocate the principles of the people, and will labor only for the success of principle.

It will be progressive, yet steadily opposed to the reckless spirit of innovation so rife in the present age, and to the spirit of destruction, not to destroy, but to reform and improve, not to destroy, but to reform and improve, not to destroy, but to reform and improve.

It will be true American in tone and sentiment, but it will repudiate nothing foreign, merely because it is foreign; believing that the good, the useful, and the true, are to be found in all countries, and that the common sense of all men is one.

It will be the organ of pure conservatism. It will encourage a high-toned literature, and demand pure morals in all the social relations of life.

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